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SUBJECT: CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:
RED SEA LIGHTS ( T. A. I. S. 6150)

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1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF RED SEA LIGHTS IS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT, BASED ON TONNAGE OF SHIPS TRANSITING SUEZ CANAL DURING YEAR PRECEDING BILLING. HOWEVER, WITH CLOSURE OF CANAL IN JUNE 1967, BASIS FOR CALCULATING SHARES OF CONTRACTING PARTIES BECAME TONNAGE THAT TRANSITED IN JANUARY- MAY 1967. THIS BASIS USED FOR FIRST TIME IN 1968/69 FISCAL YEAR AND HAS BEEN APPLIED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS. US FLAG TONNAGE THAT TRANSITED IN FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1967 WAS 2.41 PERCENT OF TOTAL AND THIS IS FIGURE USED IN DETERMINING US CONTRIBUTION.

2. UNLESS SUEZ IS REOPENED OR CONTRACTING PARTIES AGREE ON SOME OTHER FORMULA, 2.41 PERCENT FIGURE WILL REMAIN CONSTANT AS US SHARE FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE. IN ABSENCE FORCE MAJEURE, GROSS BUDGET LEVEL SHOULD STAY FAIRLY STEADY OVER NEXT FEW YEARS EXCEPT FOR INEVITABLE COST INCREASES DUE TO INFLATION. MOST OF COST OF ADMINISTERING RED SEA LIGHTS IS FOR PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT IN ASMARA; AN INFLATION FACTOR FOR THAT AREA
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APPLIED TO PRESENT LEVEL AND EXTRAPOLATED THROUGH 1979 WOULD RESULT IN ROUGH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE FOR CONTRIBUTION TO MAINTENANCE RED SEA LIGHTS DURING THE PERIOD. NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT IN ABSOLUTE TERMS US ASSESSMENT ACTUALLY MOVED SLIGHTLY DOWNWARD IN 1973/74 AS COMPARED WITH 1972/73.

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON US CONTRIBUTION TO MAINTENANCE OF RED SEA LIGHTS WILL BE FOUND IN LONDON A-32 OF JANUARY 8, 1973 AND PREVIOUS MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT.

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